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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to a recent request for action by the Saturday Evening Post concerning a defector [redacted]

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[redacted] and finally to the Saturday Evening Post, which subsequently discussed the request with Colonel Grogan. The Director reiterated previous instructions that contacts with the press should initially be cleared with Colonel Grogan and in fact he should be used, where feasible, to make and/or arrange such contacts. Mr. Helms commented that in this particular case his people had just plain "goofed" and steps had been taken to ensure against a reoccurrence. The Director noted he had also discussed this matter with George Aurell who now understands the procedure to be followed.

b. Approved Sherman Kent's recommendation that [redacted] meetings in the future be held in October, December, February, and May of each year.

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GENERAL CABELL:

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The Director noted that we had also received an invitation from Jerry Smith of the Policy Planning Staff to assign a qualified individual to that staff for a tour of duty. Mr. Sheldon commented in his opinion it would be better if we exchange officers between the Policy Planning Staff and the staff of the Board of National Estimates. This was agreed to provided Hugh Cumming is notified in advance and has no objection. Mr. Amory commented that our nominee should be a senior person in Grade 15 or 16. Action: DD/I

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[redacted] noted we had also had an invitation from Wiley Buchanan, Chief of Protocol, Department of State, to assign a well qualified officer to his staff, and a recommendation for this assignment had been received from DD/P. Mr. Dulles remarked he would consider this over the weekend, and stated should it be decided to do this, it would first have to be cleared with Mr. Cumming. Action:

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COLONEL WHITE:

Noted that Roger Jones was interested in receiving names from the various government agencies who should be included in "Who's Who in America." Action: Each deputy concerned to submit recommendations to the Director.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Referred to Colonel Grogan's report that two reporters of the New York Daily News had been doing some investigative work on the [redacted] case and are now about to come out with the story. He said these people allege that CIA is tied in to this case and wanted to come down and discuss it with Grogan. Mr. Dulles stated he saw no reason why these people should not be told that [redacted] was not an agent of CIA and we should attempt to discourage their request to discuss this matter with a representative of the Agency. However, if they insist, they should see Mr. Kirkpatrick who would, if the question comes up as to why the Agency sent a representative to New York during the heat of the [redacted] affair, merely state that we were interested in what takes place in the [redacted] then and now as well as any other foreign countries. The Director also stated that Mr. Kirkpatrick should steer clear of the [redacted] should it come up.

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